

News and Gossip of Interest to the Boy Scouts of the District and Vicinity

SCOUT REGISTRATION TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1

Each Boy Must Pay Dues of Twenty-five Cents a Year to Organization.

Registration of all Boy Scouts in this District will commence October 1. This is in accordance with the regulations provided by national officials. Every scout must pay 25 cents a year as dues to the organization.

A portion of this fee is for the National Council, and the remainder for the use of the local council. No great amount will accrue from this, it is said, but the receipts will pay for the expense of enrolling and the additional supervision required under the new scheme.

The purpose of this enrollment is to provide better supervision over all Boy Scouts. Heretofore the organization has been somewhat loose. It is said, the strictness of discipline depending largely on the scoutmaster and officers of the local council. Under the new scheme it will be possible to provide a better enrollment than formerly, and the relations of the individual members will be closer than before.

All boys are requested to apply to their scoutmasters for necessary enrollment cards as soon as possible, or they may apply directly to headquarters in the District building. Different cards will be provided for tenderfoot, second-class and first-class scouts. Records will be kept of the meetings attended by each scout.

Registration applies also to scoutmasters, and blanks for registration will be provided. These will be forwarded to the scoutmasters from national headquarters. In communities where there is a local council, three copies will be sent, one of which is to be kept for record and the other two sent to the scoutmaster, who will retain one and forward the other to national headquarters. Where there is no local council only two copies will be necessary, one for the scoutmaster, the other to be sent to national headquarters.

SCOUTS INVITED TO TAKE ANTIETAM TRIP

Troop 43 Asks Other Members in District to Join Excursion to Be Run October 3.

An invitation from the scoutmaster and members of Troop 43 is extended to any Boy Scouts in the District to join them on their excursion to the battlefield of Antietam. Scoutmaster C. W. Killian has made arrangements for the members of his troop to leave Washington Friday afternoon, October 3, at 5:30 p. m. This is a through train, and will reach Keedysville at 7:21 p. m. Here the Scouts will camp for the night, and early the next morning will "hike" three miles to the battlefield. At noon they will camp on the historic battlefield, and they will spend the whole day there. They will board the train at Keedysville at 5:15 for home, reaching Washington at 9:45. Arrangements have been made with the railroad company for reduced rates, and the whole trip will cost less than \$2 per Scout.

Troop 43 has made arrangements to have Mr. Morton, a veteran of the civil war, accompany them. Mr. Morton took active part in the battle of Antietam, being a member of a Massachusetts regiment. He will personally conduct the Scouts about the battlefield, and will show them the exact places where he was stationed during the battle. He will go over the morning of the night, and will show them the exact places where he was stationed during the battle. He will go over the morning of the night, and will show them the exact places where he was stationed during the battle.

Scoutmaster Killian, accompanied by Assistant Scoutmasters George M. Manley and Neil Thirteenth street south, will accompany them. The excursion will be a most interesting one, and will give the Scouts a good idea of the importance of the battle of Antietam.

Any Scout in the District who desires to make this trip should write at once for particulars to Scoutmaster C. W. Killian, 201 Thirteenth street south, Washington. A cordial invitation is extended to any Scout in uniform to accompany Troop 43. No time limit will be set for the trip, and every boy will return in time for church and Sunday school the next morning.

Members of Troop 25 Enjoyed Reception

Members of Troop 25 are enthusiastic over the reception given them last week by members of Troop 13 at the Ingram Memorial Church by the ladies of the church, in which the boys of Troop 13 took part.

There were about thirty boys from Troop 13, under Scoutmaster Partin, who acted as hosts to boys from Troop 25. At the meeting, which opened the evening addresses were made by Scoutmaster Partin and others. Dr. Frizell, pastor of the church, made a short talk. At the end of the meeting members of Troop 25 were addressed briefly by Dr. Frizell.

Following the evening exercises the boys all retired to the swimming pool, where they had a most enjoyable time. They then had a picnic and camped in the woods. The boys of Troop 25 then "hiked" most of the way home.

To Consider Method Of Enrolling Scouts

Matters relating to the new system of enrollment of Boy Scouts in the District will be taken up at the meeting of members of the local council next Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Mr. Martin's office, at scout headquarters.

The meeting will be the first of the fall season, and numerous details will be discussed during the coming season of 1913-14 will be discussed.

The subject of dues from Boy Scouts under the new arrangement and the coming entertainment to be given in which the moving picture drama, "The Making of a Boy Scout," recently manufactured, will figure, will also come in for consideration.

Washington Scouts May Furnish All With Fire Boards.

Washington Boy Scouts may be called upon to provide councils all over the country with "fire boards" and other paraphernalia for making fire without matches.

Scout Commissioner Martin has just sent to Scout headquarters in New York three complete fire-making outfits made from materials selected near the summer camp of the boys, Camp Archibald Butt. Chief Scout Executive James E. West has notified Mr. Martin that he can probably use all of the outfits that can be produced.

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MAKING PLANS FOR BOY SCOUTS' SHOW

Moving Picture Entertainment With Prize to Troop Selling the Most Tickets.

Final details of the entertainment to be given by the local council some time the latter part of October are now being worked out by Scout Commissioner Martin and other officials of the Boy Scouts here. The affair will include the presentation of the moving picture drama, "The Making of a Boy Scout," and there will be Boy Scout demonstrations on various kinds during the progress of the motion picture film.

In order to assure the success of the affair from a financial standpoint, members of the different troops will be asked to assist in selling tickets. The troop selling the largest number of tickets will be awarded a prize. The machine can be used to present 1,000 feet of film either in a hall or in any large room and can be operated from an ordinary electric light fixture. It is pointed out that the troop receiving the machine as a prize will be in a position to give entertainments at almost any time and keep its treasury well supplied.

Further details of the entertainment and the conditions under which tickets may be obtained, will be announced later.

News of Troop 33.

There was an excellent attendance at the meeting of this troop last week, there being present the following: Robert Enselin, Carl Gill, George Gill, Ralph Harris, Kenneth Jones, William Lynch, Howard Loney, Edward Meyer, Clifford Moore, Samuel Moore, Leonard Moore, Stewart Poltrous, Lamont Pritchman, Robert Sickenger, Charles Scrimman, and John Grant.

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A good deal of interest is being manifested by the boys in football, and Howard Loney, Edward Meyer, Clifford Moore, Stewart Poltrous, and John Grant are all active players on the team.

The boys who went to the Naval Battalion last Monday night were Carl Gill, George Gill, Ralph Harris, Kenneth Jones, William Lynch, Howard Loney, Edward Meyer, Clifford Moore, Samuel Moore, Leonard Moore, Stewart Poltrous, Lamont Pritchman, Robert Sickenger, Charles Scrimman, and John Grant.

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News from Troop 32.

Preparation for second class and first class examinations are being made now in this troop through Saturday hikes. The boys go out for a long trip and practice the things which will aid them in passing examinations.

The boys are taught to go the mile at scout pace, to do trackings, to use the knife and hatchet, to build fires, to open, and to cook meat and two potatoes. It is simple also on these hikes to practice first aid.

For the first class work the boys are given a good lesson in the history of the battle of Antietam, and are shown the exact places where the battle was fought.

The regular hikes form a prominent part in the activity of scouts of this troop, and the boys are making rapid advancement in their examinations.

Registration Fee To Be Discontinued

Announcement is made from national Boy Scout headquarters, in New York, that under the new scheme of registration the registration fee formerly required from Boy Scouts will be discontinued. In its place the fee of 25 cents annual dues will be charged, payable on enrollment and annually, probably October 1.

The scoutmasters heretofore will be relieved of payment of registration fees or dues. Every scoutmaster will also receive free of charge a copy of Scout magazine, the official bulletin of the Boy Scout organization, issued semi-monthly, and a subscription to Boys' Life, the official magazine.

Organize Bicycle Patrol. Members of Troop 22 are organizing a bicycle patrol. This form of organization has become so popular that its organization is only an incident in the work of the scouts. Many of the boys find it important to be able to move quickly, and they are using their wheels not only to see the country during long rides, but to carry messages about the city and to notify members of meetings and examinations at the lake.

District Scouts Proud of Two Mates Who Have Won Star Badges



NORRIS GADDESS.

FRANK ARNELL CARPENTER.

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First "Star" Scout Had to Pass Strenuous Test to Obtain Badge.

Norris Gaddess, a member of Troop 23, is the first Boy Scout in the District to obtain the "Star" badge. He passed the test for the badge on Friday night, September 19, at the home of Scoutmaster C. W. Killian, 201 Thirteenth street south, Washington.

The test for the "Star" badge is a most strenuous one. It requires the Scout to pass a series of tests, including a long hike, a swim, a canoeing test, and a test in the use of the knife and hatchet. Norris Gaddess passed all these tests with flying colors.

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Nine Boy Scouts Take a Long Hike

Nine boys of Troop 22 put in practically all day Saturday in a hike from Piney Branch Park to Linden and out toward Forest Glen. The boys stopped in the woods at noon and cooked dinner. Three tenderfoot scouts took advantage of the opportunity to pass their tests in second-class scoutcraft. Instruction in other branches of scoutcraft were also given by Scoutmaster C. E. Wise, who accompanied the boys.

On the way back the boys were overtaken by an automobile in charge of a Scoutmaster. The boys were given a good lesson in the history of the battle of Antietam, and were shown the exact places where the battle was fought.

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BOY SCOUT LETTERS

To the Scout Editor: At the meeting last Friday evening, the election of new officers took place. Dan Shugrue, the old troop president, resigned his position and Frank Neld, the former vice president, took the chair during the election. It was finally decided that he should be the new president. Harry Acker was elected treasurer and Claude Ayres retained his seat as secretary. George Sheriff was elected vice president and scribe.

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Next Friday night, at 7:30, in one of the parlors of the Public Library, we expect to have an interesting meeting and wish that all who can will attend. The questions formulated for the termination of the month required after taking "tenderfoot" tests and was a first-class Scout when he went to summer camp early in July. He remained at camp all summer.

The tests required for obtaining the Life Scout badge are those in life saving, athletics, first aid, personal health and public health. Young Gaddess then passed nine other tests and received merit badges. Any five of these nine, which will be the badge of the "Star" Scout.

Three nine tests include machinery, craftsmanship, swimming, cooking, signaling, bugling, camping, pioneering and carpentry. Other tests are under consideration by Young Gaddess, who has an ambition to become an "Eagle Scout" as soon as possible and thus attain the highest Boy Scout honor.

Members of our troop played the Pet-ten study the tennis. The boys won to the great joy of our boys. On the following Saturday we played a return game and just tied the score.

Allen R. Whittington, Scout Scribe, Troop 23.

To the Scout Editor: At our scout meeting Friday night, our scoutmaster told us about the sea scouting down, we expect to carry out and we expect to go down there to visit and see what is going on. We think the work should be very attractive and of good profit to the boys.

Mr. Leonard has promised to show us some first aid and we expect to learn a good deal of it.

Members of our troop have been trying to run a wireless outfit for a long time and now we have organized a wireless squad. There are six members, including Thomas, Carpenter, Miles, Landy, Guy, and Jones. We practice every night under the direction of a Mr. De Groot. In a month we expect to be able to interpret messages and to send.

We are also making arrangements for an overnight hike some time next week, and expect to practice up on scout work then. Very truly yours, BENJAMIN LANDY, Scout Scribe, Troop 10.

To the Scout Editor: Members of our troop are planning to have a benefit at some moving picture show in the near future. We shall devote the proceeds to purchasing some greatly needed troop paraphernalia, such as flags, and to providing a fund to pay the expense of meetings and out-of-door hikes.

Treasurer Giddings is especially active in this sort of thing, and has promised to work up some sort of entertainment. At the last meeting the scoutmaster announced that the new system of dues and enrollment would go into effect.

FRANK CARPENTER NOW "STAR" SCOUT

Member of Troop 10 Is Second Honored.

Frank Arnell Carpenter, the second Boy Scout added to the District to become a "Star" Scout, is a member of Troop 10. He has been a scout for two years and a half, having joined the organization in 1911. He has been a most active and capable Scout, and has always been a most reliable and helpful member.

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Troops Will Contest For First One To Gain Eagle Scout

Assistant Scoutmaster George M. Manley, of Troop 43, has started a contest for troops which wish to have an eagle scout in the shortest time. The race is open only to tenderfoot scouts, who have not passed any portion of their second class examinations. The start will thus be fair, and the troops presenting an eagle scout first will be given a prize of honor. As the winning eagle scout badge is practically the highest honor that can be given a Boy Scout, the winner will thus be doubly favored.

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SCOUTMASTERS MAKE RECORD IN AUGUST

One Hundred Sixty-seven Join Ranks During Month, According to Records.

The number of scoutmasters throughout the country increased by 167 for the month of August, 1913, according to "Scouting," the official publication of the Boy Scouts. This exceeds by fifty the total number of new scoutmasters enrolled during the month of August, 1912. It is pointed out that this is especially encouraging, as August is usually the month when least is going on in Boy Scout work.

The figures submitted by A. R. Forbush, deputy field scout commissioner for the month just completed are as follows:

Active scoutmasters, July 31, 6,964
Commissioners in August, 20
Resigned in August, 20

Net gain, 167
Total, 7,151

Comparison of the figures for August 1913 and that just past shows as follows:

Scoutmasters, 1913, 7,151
Assistant scoutmasters, 1913, 120
Scout commissioners, 1913, 14
Local councils, 1913, 21

Large gains are thus shown in every branch of the work. Local council chapters have been added in the following cities: Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Grove City, Pa.; Englewood, Kan.; Columbus, N. M.; Clarks Hill, Ind.; Andover, Mass.; Athens, Ga.; Oak Harbor, Ohio; Barabara, Wis.; Kansas, Ill.; Hamilton, Ohio; Minnott, W. Va.; and the following camps: Texas, Tex.; Mary Hill and Elm, Mo.; Kinsman, Ohio; Fairfax, Mo.; Magnolia, Tex.; Minnesota, Tex.; Huntington, W. Va.

HIKE STORY TOLD BY SCOUTS' GUEST

Member of Troop 16 Relates Tale of "Big Hike" to Which He Was Invited.

By THOMAS CULLEN, Member of Troop 16, Chosen to Accompany the Troop 37, On "Big Hike" to Gettysburg and Return.

We left the Gospel Mission at 8:20 the morning of August 20, and hiked to Kennington, a small town about twelve miles out of Washington. It was only about mid-afternoon when we pitched camp, and there was plenty of time to rest up for the long trip ahead of us.

We reached Kennington at 3:30, and stayed there till Monday morning. The short trip from Kennington to Washington Grove was made Monday. We were up early and made an excellent tramp. Tuesday's tramp was a hard one. We left our camp ground early and did not reach Chambersburg until 10 o'clock that evening. It was a hard trip, and we had the horse with us for only eight miles of the way.

Wednesday night we camped in Frederick, where we arrived at about 4 o'clock. We had a most interesting time in the swimming pool, which refreshed us greatly. The trip from Frederick to Chambersburg was made on Thursday. We left Frederick at 8:30, and reached Chambersburg at 10 o'clock. We camped there until Friday morning.

The beautiful Blue Ridge mountains were in plain view for sixteen miles. We had a most interesting time in the camp, and that night we hoisted our camp over our tents on a staff loaned by Chambersburg. We were up early on Friday morning, and left Chambersburg at 8:30, and reached Washington at 12:30, and remained there until Thursday.

Emmittsburg was reached the next day, Friday. Saturday we arrived in Gettysburg. The rest of the trip was made on Sunday. We left Gettysburg at 8:30, and reached Washington at 12:30, and remained there until Thursday.

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